

AMENDMENTS IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the Specification:

The specification has been amended to incorporate references to replacement Fig. 1, new Fig. 2 and tractor 12. No new matter is believed to have been added.

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line ³ 1, with the following amended paragraph:

--Additional advantages and features will become apparent as the subject invention becomes better understood by reference to the accompanying ~~drawing~~ drawings, taken in conjunction with the accompanying description, in which similarly-referenced characters refer to similarly-referenced parts, and in which:

~~The sole FIGURE Fig. 1~~ is a schematic illustration of a minesweeper embodying the invention; and

Fig. 2. is a schematic illustration of the minesweeper as it would be coupled to and pushed by a tractor in one embodiment.—

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line ¹³ 1, with the following amended paragraph:

-- ~~The FIGURE shows~~ Figures 1 and 2 show the minesweeper 11 incorporating the invention. The minesweeper has a two-sided frame 13 adapted to be coupled to and pushed by a tractor 12 ~~(not shown Fig. 2)~~. A rake 15 is pivoted from each side of the frame by respective pairs of coupling bars 17 and 19 of different lengths so that as the rake moves away from the frame to bury itself in the soil, the coupling bars rotate it to a less aggressive digging angle that prevents the rake from stalling the tractor. The minesweeper as thus far described follows the teachings of my U.S. patent No. 6,330,920 B1, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated by reference.—

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 5, with the following amended paragraph:

--While the catching and sifting means may take a variety of forms, conveniently it may take the form shown in the ~~FIGURE Fig. 1~~ of a plurality of spaced fixed vanes 21 running across the bottom of the frame 13 from one side of the frame to the other side, two pairs of rollers, one pair of rollers 23 mounted on the one side of the frame and the other pair of rollers 25